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HEADQUARTERS HOUSE, Fayetteville

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The Headquarters House on East Dickson St., Fayetteville, formerly known as the Tebbetts House after its builder, Judge Jonas M. Tebbetts, is now the property of the Washington County Historical Society. Trees are being trimmed, minor repairs are being made and the House will be painted, before we install the Museum and move the Society's office and workrooms.

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OLD CIRCUIT COURT RECORDS

by Lloyd McConnell

Felix Batson presided at the fall term of the Circuit Court in 1852, and the jury was composed of James H. Stirman, Audley Skillern, Robert Strain, William W. Brownlee, Larkin Noll, Sanford Gray, Jones Pierson, Wiley B. Howell, James Winn, John Neal, Gilbert Looper, Peter Mankins, Mark Bean, John Simpson and John Holcomb.

Quarters Hitchcock, charged with a misdemeanor, was among the missing, and his bondsmen were ordered to ante up One Hundred Twenty Five dollars or Mr. Hitchcock, whichever comes first. William D. Reagan, Jonas M. Tebbetts and Lafayette Gregg were the bondsmen.

The Clerk of the Court was ordered to certify to Carroll County, Arkansas, the costs in the murder trial of Nathaniel and James Rudd, and the costs were ordered paid.

In some of the old court records one clerk who wrote a fine hand would enter part of the proceedings, followed by another clerk or deputy who wrote worse than a first grader, thus some of the records are difficult to read.

A panel of additional jurors serving at this term included James H. Scrugg, James Johnson, E. H. Eubanks, Jacob Armstrong, Joseph Ratliff, William Bonds, George Smith, B. F. Johnson, Herman Cline, Joshua Caldwell, L. B. Bassore, and John H. Watts.

In May, 1853, Rufus Dunlap, a witness in a criminal case, took himself to Crawford County and a writ of attachment was ordered issued to return him. John Olinger was before the court on a misdemeanor.

Abner Davidson was fined $10.00 for an assault and Thomas Easton was found not guilty. Henry Porter defaulted and his bondsmen were ordered to pay $250.00 to the county registry in lieu of such action. Anais Cavin and George Ballard were charged with an affray.

In 1853, T. D. Wisenor, J. J. Ake and James B. Strain were serving as Justices of the Peace in their localities.

William R. Quarles was represented by James R. Sutton in an action against William H. Routon. John Irvin, H. B. Sumner, John Tucker and Hugh Simpson were in attendance at the court.

Hugh Thomason, the prosecuting attorney, did not attend the opening of the term and Jonas M. Tebbetts was appointed to represent the State of Arkansas. He prosecuted three negro slaves charged with the murder of Dr. James M. Boone, in 1856.

Moses Rollins, Jacob B. Maberry, Samuel R. Brady, Edgar Rust, Calvin J. Inks, Joseph Wood, John M. Free, Isaac P. Spencer, Andrew Smith, B. B. Curtis, John D. Thomason, Thomas Rackley, William C. Poston, Thomas R. West, Charles J. Severs, James Son, Isaac R. Burrow and Simon Dearing were also listed as jurymen.

Benjamin Pierson was fined $25 for cutting trees on Section 16 lands which belonged to the school. Thomas Barnes and John Newman were indicted for assault to kill, and David Maberry sued Samuel N. Carnahan. Nathan Wilcox sued Hugh N. Anderson, and Henry Johnson was fined $10 for beating Margaret Wallace. He was fined another ten-spot for fighting with Sarah James. It doesn't say who won that one.

Charles Gregg was given a $50 fine and one minute in jail for his misdemeanor.

In May, 1853, Stand Watie, later to become a famous Confederate General, pledged himself to owe to the county and state the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars, condition that he appear and testify in a trial at the courthouse at Fayetteville, on a matter wherein Casalowa and others were charged with assault to kill.

Serving on the grand jury at this term were Robert Williams, Elia S. Lile, Thomas K. Babb, William Redman, Joel Oliver, Alexander Marrs, L. F. Linebarger, Jeremiah Taylor, Henry McLaughlin, John Morrow, James Rainwater, Elijah Shipley, Willis Oxford, Jacob Johnson, Andrew Guess, Lawson Guthary, and Calvin Baker.

Samuel Braidley was declared a citizen of the United States, having completed his naturalization process. Insolvency was granted to James Taylor and Enoch Jones was charged with an assault and battery. Henry Dunlap, frequently mentioned in court records, was charged with maiming, an offense where a knife is used to carve your way out of a fight.

Solomon Pellman, William Sells, Robert Hodge, and Milton Blackburn were charged with misdemeanors.

Henry B. Ross, Robert Seymour, Earl Holt, William Bonds, Thomas West, Samuel and William Vernon, Jesse Benham, Andrew Gist, Jim A. Skelton and William Bonham attended as jurors.

June 15, 1853:

"Be it remembered that on this day came Hugh W. Simpson, in open court here, and acknowledged his deed, by which he manumitted and set free from slavery his certain negroes, to wit: Frank, a man of color, aged about fifty years, and Quincy, a woman of color, aged about forty-five years, that he the said Hugh W. Simpson, made and executed and delivered the same for the consideration and purposes therein mentioned and set forth, and it is therefore ordered by the court here that the clerk of this court record said deed and deliver a copy thereof so recorded under the seal of this Court to Hugh W. Simpson."

The Simpson home on Fly Creek, where Clara E., Louis D., Marvin T. Simpson were born, also Ollie who died at birth. The picture is copied from an oil painting and is used by courtesy of Clara E. Simpson Kendrick, who wrote the accompanying article on the pioneer Simpson family.

Uncle Tom Latta's home where they raised eight children. Photo from the collection of Simpson photos in the possession of Mrs. Clara E. Kendrick whose history of the Simpson family appears on the accompanying pages.

THE PIONEER SIMPSONS

(Editor's note: When I was learning my Washington County ABCs, some 40 years ago, I ran across a statement made by the Rev. John Buchanan who named the first six families to settle in our county as Simpson, Shannon, Alexander and McGarrah. I tried to contact descendants of these pioneer families but had little luck. Until I got acquainted with Mrs. Clara E. Kendrick of Nowata, Okla. She has Simpson and Cox and Reed blood in her veins and moreover she had done considerable research on her Simpson ancestors. From time to time we have published some of her text and pictures and have stirred up some Simpson descendants who are widely scattered. In this issue we are publishing Mrs. Kendrick's account of the "Simpsons in America" and I think our readers will find it of interest, especially since several branches of the family intermarried with other pioneer families in our county. We have had no success with the Shannons and we do not know any McGarrah descendants. However, we did visit John Alexander's grave at Black Oak west of Greenland and have met Miss Ella Alexander who gave the family loom to Battlefield Park in Prairie Grove. John Alexander was Washington County's first representative in the Arkansas territorial legislature. I cannot forget the McGarrahs because the first name on the abstract of my home on E. Dickson St., Fayetteville, is McGarrah.

(But back to Clara (Simpson) Kendrick -- she has visited our history office several times, but is now in her 80's and not traveling much. But she has never forgotten her Simpson kinfolks, which is why we take special pleasure in publishing her history of the family. I wish the Shannons had been as active in researching their family history as the Simpsons have been. The Cox and Reed families have been taken care of, and in our last issue we published the Brewster family history. We could use some more Morrow information. Latta and other early families have been published, but we lost one of our chief sources of pioneer history when Mr. Sam Mitchell of St. Louis died recently.

(Back to Rev. John Buchanan's list of the first six white families to settle in what is now Washington County. Being of a suspicious nature, I was sure that the preacher had skipped some early families, especially Marrs, Rhea, Garvin, Hagood, McClellan and others. Personally, I don't care whether these first-comers came in 1828 or 1829. All I know is that they came into the Ozarks wilderness, built their log houses, and began civilization in what is now Washington County. If it were not for the pioneers, I wouldn't be here today, living on Wm. McGarrah's farm. And I'm not one to forget the pioneers. -- WJL)

Pioneer Simpsons in America

by Clara E. Kendrick

It is not pretended that this is a complete historical chronicle of our Simpson family in America. Much of the story has been forever lost. This is a collection of fragments and is the outgrowth of an attempt to record the experiences of a pioneer ancestor during my life time. Family tradition tells us that there were two Simpson brothers who left Scotland in a home-made sailboat. History fails to mention how long it took them to cross the Atlantic.

My great uncle Jack Simpson and his sister Jane (Simpson) Latta were the oldest Simpsons that I have ever seen or talked with. It was what they told me that makes possible this attempt for publication. John Lewis Simpson was my gr-gr-gr-grandfather and his brother Hugh Simpson No. 1 was my gr-gr-great uncle. He was the grandfather of Jack Morris Simpson and his sister Jane. The story of the two Scotland brothers was told to me by Uncle Jack and his sister Jane.

They surmised that the two Scottish brothers were killed during the Revolutionary War, and all their family records were burned during the Civil War. These two brothers came from near Edinburgh, Scotland and belonged to the clan Fraser near Loch Ness. It was the Fraser Highlanders who led the soldiers of General Wolfe up the Heights of Abraham before the battle of Quebec. I have forgotten the dates of their birth and death. I surmise they must have died in York District of South Carolina but have forgotten where they were buried.

Bible records tell us that Hugh Simpson No. 2 was born in York District, S. C., Dec. 18, 1787. His wife, Jane Morris Simpson, was born Jan. 4, 1795. They must have been married in South Carolina. History shows John L. Simpson born Aug. 4, 1791, and his wife Elizabeth born Apr. 18, 1795. A few other families joined the Simpsons' trek westward into Kentucky. There I find some of our Simpsons had married a Latta and a Kelley. These folks must have remained in Kentucky, or gone to another state, as I can find no Arkansas record of either family.

After more than 200 years in America it has not been an easy task to gather what is presented here, but it has been an absorbing one. Members of our Simpson family have been widely separated. In 1826 there were six families who decided to migrate farther west: two Simpson brothers, two McGarrah brothers, one Shannon and the Alexander family. They decided to stop in western Arkansas, where land was theirs by fencing it.

These families, with their personal belongings and whatever equipment they had, were loaded on a flat boat down the Tennessee River, into the Ohio and then into the Mississippi. These six families had their raft towed up the Arkansas River to Phillips Landing (now Van Buren, Arkansas.)

My gr-grandfather John L. Simpson took land near Mulberry, in what was later Franklin County. He owned many acres of the richest soil in the river bottoms. Uncle Hugh No. 2 took land between Evansville and Vineyard, which was later in Washington County, Arkansas.

These families must have lived close to each other when they first settled, because history tells us that they were trespassing on the rights of the Indiana. They had planted fields of corn early in 1826, before the Cherokee Treaty was signed. A company of U.S. soldiers was sent from Fort Gibson to order them off. This was done in August 1826. Each settler had a patch of corn growing, all of which the soldiers cut down. After the soldiers had gone back to Fort Gibson, these settlers shocked up their green corn, and remained in their new homes. In December 1826 the treaty was made giving the white people a right to settle land in what is now Washington County, Arkansas.

The following dates are from the family bible and cemetery records. First born to Uncle Hugh Simpson and Aunt Jane Morris Simpson was a son, Jack Morris Simpson, b. Nov. 2, 1818.

Second born was Elijah Simpson, November 2, 1820. He "departed this life" Aug. 17, 1831, aged 11 years.

The third child was Mary Ann, January 1, 1823. Mary Ann married Samuel Story Aug. 11, 1840. She "departed this life" June 9, 1847. The writer has been unable to find any record of any family.

Fourth born was Uncle George Simpson, Feb. 27, 1827. He was married to Mary Ann Edmiston on Sept. 19, 1850. Mary Ann was born Sept. 7, 1828. Uncle George died June 17, 1895 and was laid to rest in the Edmiston cemetery near Morrow, Ark. I was very young, but I did attend his funeral. Uncle George's wife, Mary Ann Simpson, died Oct. 16, 1908 and was laid to rest beside her husband in the Edmiston cemetery. I have no knowledge of their family, or if there were any children.

Fifth born was Margaret Catherine Simpson, November 28, 1829. She died June 9, 1847, aged 18 years.

Sixth born was Elizabeth Jane Simpson, July 7, 1833. Aunt Jane had a long life and her biography will appear later in this article.

The seventh child was Uncle Hugh Simpson No. 3, who was born January 27, 1837. Uncle Hugh's family was the third generation born in America. The story of Uncle Hugh Simpson and family was published in the Flashback, April 1963.

Jack Morris Simpson was married to Terry Simpson, Mar. 10, 1842. To this union were born four daughters. Uncle Jack and Aunt Terry were own blood cousins. Their first-born was Amanda who married a Captain Marler who had been a Confederate captain in the Civil War. Uncle Jim was president of the bank in Prairie Grove. Uncle Jim made his will to their only son Bert Marler. Bert married Maud Edmiston and was living on his father's fruit farm between Cane Hill and Prairie Grove. His father and mother lived in Prairie Grove.

During the flu epidemic of World War I, Bert died, leaving his mother Aunt Amanda practically alone and penniless. Bert had a wife and two children to be cared for. Aunt Amanda lived to be 94 years of age and had to count her pennies to keep body and soul together. She got help from her brother-in-law, Uncle George Nixon who played a great role in business until his death.

Uncle Jack and Aunt Terry's second daughter, Elizabeth Simpson, married LaFayette Brewster, a Confederate soldier. Aunt Lize and Uncle Fate lived on Cove Creek, south of Prairie Grove, where their first son, Henry Brewster, was born June 20, 1861, in Washington County. In a few years, Uncle Fate bought a large farm between Old Cane Hill and Lincoln, remaining in Washington County, where their other seven children were born.

Second was Ann Simpson Brewster. She married Dolf Paterson and they made their home in Prairie Grove. The oldest daughter graduated from Prairie Grove high school, is all I know about their family.

"Bood" married, remained in a part of their fruit farm all his life. I have no records of his family.

Dolly Brewster married a Mr. Fain and they moved out to Walla Walla, Washington State. To this union were born two daughters and two sons. One daughter married Arthur McCormick, making their home in Prairie Grove. In later years Dolly's husband passed away and Dolly made visits back to Cane Hill and Prairie Grove, where she suddenly passed away and was laid to rest in the Brewster cemetery near her old home place.

Frank Brewster was born Oct. 21, 1877. He attended school at Cane Hill College, University of Arkansas, Theological Seminary at Omaha, Nebr., and was an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church. Frank married Miss Fannie Douthit in 1900. To this union were born three children: M. R. Brewster of Atlanta, Ga.; Frank Jr. of Springfield, Mo.; one daughter, Mrs. J. S. Tidwell of Windsor, Mo.

I have visited with Mrs. Tidwell and husband. Once a few years back, the Tidwells and myself attended the same church, strangers to each other. After church was over, we got acquainted with Mrs. Tidwell's father, Frank Brewster, who was pastor four years at the Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, Ark., where he died suddenly of a heart attack. He was laid to rest beside his wife near Springfield, Mo., where he had been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church many years.

Reba Brewster married Jessie Kirby, his childhood sweetheart. To this union was born one daughter, Lillian Brewster. Young Jessie passed away and Babe took his baby, went back to his home where his mother lived. This is where I lost track of Babe Brewster and daughter.

Hugh Brewster I never did know personally. He lived in Washington, D. C. and his daughter Eula married a McClellan in Cane Hill who departed this life at a youthful age. His wife remained in Cane Hill, near the home of daughter and grandchildren.

John Louis Simpson came to America with his own brother, Hugh Simpson during the early 1700s. I do not have exact dates. My great-uncle, Jack Simpson, had records that these two brothers were blood relatives of Sir John Young Simpson, a British scientist who discovered the use of chloroform as an anesthetic.

The first American-born Hugh Simpson and John Simpson were brothers and started their trek westward together, from South Carolina to Kentucky and on to Arkansas Territory. Hugh Simpson No. 2 settled between Evansville and Vineyard, while John took his land in the Arkansas River lowlands near a small village called Mulberry. Both brothers were only a few miles east of the Cherokee Nation line.

John Simpson and wife Elizabeth are buried on the Simpson plantation near Mulberry. We found their tombstones in the middle of a field, from which the following dates are taken. John Simpson was born Aug. 4, 1791 and died March 1, 1863. Elizabeth Simpson was born Feb. 18, 1795, died Oct. 21, 1871. These Simpsons were my great-grandparents. I was able to get pictures of their old tombstones.

To the union of John and Elizabeth was born a daughter Ann Simpson, who married Will Scott. The Scotts had a son Hugh Scott. They lived and died in Prairie Grove. Second born to John and Elizabeth was Terry Simpson. She married Jack Simpson. They were blood cousins and lived around Prairie Grove.

Third born to John and Elizabeth Simpson was my own great-grandfather, Louis Simpson. Fourth born was a Hugh Simpson, whom I never heard of until we went to Mulberry searching for material. At one time our great-great grandfather Simpson had more than a thousand acres of land. He did not have to pay taxes on lands they controlled but paid high taxes on slaves. Our Simpsons did not own slaves, because at one time Scotland had trouble with slave owners.

Our Immediate Simpson Family

Grandfather Louis Simpson refused to join the army during the Civil War. He kept dodging around until he was captured and to save his life he joined the Northern Army at Springfield, Mo. Grandfather said he did not believe in killing people but he fought against his own comrades who were on the Confederate side.

Grandfather Louis Simpson was married to a Miss Elders, with three children (Jane, Jess and Allen), with another on the way, which was my father, Bob Simpson.

Uncle Jess Simpson married a lady from Fayetteville and they had two sons and three daughters. Aunt Jane married Will Huggins, one of her Huggins cousins, and they had five children, to my knowledge, (Henry, Annie, Doller, Frank and another daughter).

Aunt Allen married a man named Foster. They had one son. They lived in Dallas, Texas. I have never seen them. It seems they were not very close to my father. Their youngest brother, Bob Simpson, had always stayed home with his parents on their fruit and vegetable farm in Washington County, Ark.

Grandfather lived a very few years after the close of the Civil War. My father remained on the farm helping his foster mother, Margaret Simpson. Shortly after the passing of Grandmother Margaret, my father found the apple of his eye, Amy King Reed, who was the daughter of Samuel Reed and Ann King. She lived over on Fly Creek, where ten Reed brothers were living up and down old Fly Creek at the beginning of the Civil War. In June 1882 Bob Simpson and Amy K. Reed were married in her parents' home on Fly Creek. Then my father had a wife at the age of 20 years, also his foster daughter to care for. To this union was born a daughter, Clara E. Simpson, on Dec. 12, 1883. Later a son was born who died at birth.

In a very few years Grandmother Margaret passed away. Before she died she signed all her rights over to her foster son Bob Simpson, and his family. After Grandmother's death, my father bought the interest of the other heirs, giving my father clear title to this 410 acres of land. According to the tax records in Fayetteville, Bob Simpson was responsible for 1882 taxes on Sec. 5, Twp. 13, Range 32W.

At the passing of Grandmother Margaret Simpson, she left some indebtedness, which my father paid up with borrowed money. Grandmother was laid to rest beside her husband Louis Simpson, and their daughter Samantha in the Edmiston cemetery. These three graves are just east of the gate and have only sandstone markers. The Edmiston family donated this land for a cemetery during the Civil War, because there was an unknown man buried by womenfolks, with a rock slab around the grave. The Edmistons demanded that the grave should never be molested and it has always been kept with care.

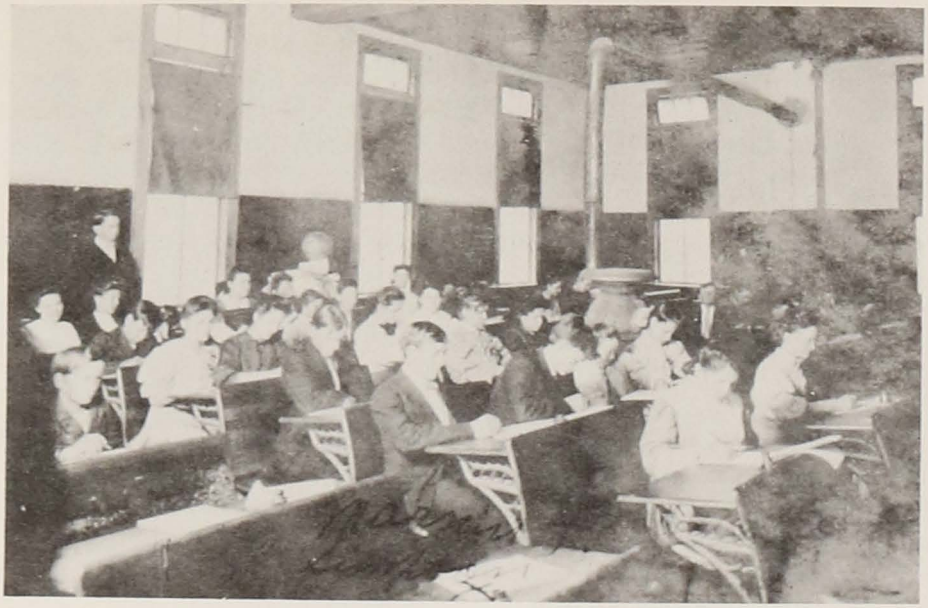
When I was very small, some folks demanded that a rock wall be built around this Edmiston cemetery. My father, Bob Simpson, helped to build this wall, as he was a good rock mason, and his parents were buried there and some other Simpsons. Some years ago there was an earth tremor that loosened the rock wall in a few places.

My mother's mother, Ann King Reed, died just at the close of the Civil War. Great-grandfather Wesley King, and my great uncle, Andy Reed, had taken part of their families up in Missouri where there was not so much fighting and food was more plentiful. Great-grandfather Wesley King went to the home of his brother, Uncle Hiram King, which was near Aurora, Mo. Ann King Reed and her infant son were buried in a lonely spot near Aurora. When grandfather Sam K. Reed returned home from the Civil War, his family consisted of my mother Amy and her sister, Laura Reed.

Grandfather soon married Elizabeth Holt, a cousin to his first wife, Ann King Reed. Lizzie Reed was the only grandmother any of us grandchildren ever knew, and I must say she was one of the best mothers and grandmothers that anybody ever had. She surely molded my life because what she did was perfect in every way and I dearly loved her. She and Grandfather were known for miles around as Uncle Sam and Aunt Lizzie Reed. She raised eleven children of her own and two foster daughters.

Once Grandmother took feathers from her beds to pay a peddler for some beautiful fans for my mother and her sister Laura. When I was very young, Grandmother Reed told me that if I would eat a fresh tomato, she would give me my mother's fan, which had red feathers on one side and beautiful ostrich plumes on the other. I tried to eat the tomato, but when I swallowed, it came back up. But she gave me the fan. My foster mother said it was too large for a little girl to use, so she gave me a smaller fan and she used my mother's fan. Grandmother kept the rest of my mother's things until I was married--then she gave them to me, my mother's wedding dress which she made herself, and some dishes that she wanted me to have.

When I was away from home, I asked for my mother's wedding ring, but was refused. Also I did not get some other things. My own mother died when I was almost four years of age, and my foster mother was a good woman and a cousin to my own mother. But my new mother was jealous of me and my father and made life unpleasant for me as long as I was at home with her. I was allowed to go to school maybe one day a week or sometimes a few more days a week, then the next week stay home and help her with the work all week. I only managed to get through the third Reader and was not allowed to read or try to read other books. When company came, I was sent outside to do some kind of work. To me, Jealousy is a sinful crime to every one concerned.



Two Prairie Grove high school photos from the collection of Simpson family pictures in the care of Mrs. Clara Kendrick of Nowata, Okla. The photo above shows the Prairie Grove high school. The photo at left shows a Prairie Grove high school graduating class. On this picture, Mrs. Kendrick's brother, Marvin T. Simpson, is at the left seated. He was the son of Bob Simpson and Annie Dold Simpson.

(See Mrs. Kendrick's article on the pioneer Simpson family on the accompanying pages.)

My father was 26 years of age. He had buried his father, his foster mother, his first wife and their infant son. He sold a part of his 440 acres of land. Grandfather Reed continued to loan him money, for which he paid 10 per cent interest. He kept fighting for better days ahead, with a new wife and a very unhappy daughter because I never wanted to leave my grandparents' home and their family.

Our farm was a wonderful place -- a large two-room log house with a hallway between. The logs were a foot thick and no bullet could ever go through them. The smoke house was built out of the same kind of thick logs hewn flat on both sides and notched down at each end. Logs in the outbuildings were smaller and there were round holes for rafters and lofts, while the house had hewn beams for joists. One building, called the Shop, had the door on the west side, granary on the south side, sheep shed on the East and wagon shed on the north. All had ground flooring except the granary which had wooden flooring.

When the weather was bad, the men took the horses inside the Shop building for shoeing. When the sheep needed their wool cut, they were placed in a vise for holding the animals while being sheared. This required two men, if they were inside the Shop building.

All the buildings on our fruit and vegetable farm were covered with clapboards rived from white oak trees that grew on our farm. My father Bob Simpson rived many thousands of these boards and I used to help him, also had to stack these boards, in a certain way to prevent cupping. And there was a certain time to nail them on any building, so they would remain flat. These roofs would last a hundred years and never leak in rainy weather.

Pioneer folks had many different signs they followed for doing certain things. Like running lye from an ash-hopper, making soap from this lye during the full moon in March, killing hogs for their yearly supply of meat and rendering their lard. This was done during the full moon in December.

Uncle Jack Simpson told us that the fruit trees, apple, peach, pear, plum and cherry, were planted by Johnny Appleseed. Whether true or not, those fruit trees bore fruit every year, with a flavor I have never tasted elsewhere. There were two sugar pear trees and only one other like those two, and it was a half mile away on another pioneer settler place. And those large almost black cherries were the best I have ever eaten, and there were only two other trees like those--one on the Zeb Edmiston plantation and one on the Whinery place which at one time was a part of the Reed plantation near Fly Creek. Great uncle Andy Reed, who had buried his first two wives, at a ripe old age married a widow lady, Mrs. Whinery, who sold her home and the cherry tree and went to Uncle Andy's home to live.

I wish I had pictures of those wonderful fruit trees, but pictures taken in pioneer days are not common. However, I do have a picture I had made from a painting of my old home, where I was born, as were my two brothers, Louis D. Simpson and Marvin T. Simpson. I loved those brothers and they loved me, when we were children down on our farm in Washington County about two miles south of Cane Hill.

Every spring our father would go up on the side of Boston Mountains, pick out the largest trees where honey-bees would have several gallons of their sweet honey. These bees fertilized our fruit trees and there never were any worms in the fruit cores in our old seedling trees, as they were called. All young orchards were called budded-fruit trees.

In our old orchard there were many different varieties of apples and peaches--free-stone, and what we called plum-peaches, and which today are called clings. Our walnut grove today would be a sight to visit. There were about 20 large trees and every year they were loaded with black walnuts. I have never eaten any with the same flavor until I ate some grown on a tree in Lincoln, Ark. My cousin Olva Glidewell bought three walnuts that came off the tree that George Washington planted in Mt. Vernon, Va. Olva planted these walnuts and one tree grew to be a large tree and every year it bears black walnuts with the same flavor Kernel. There were hop vines growing on our place, to make yeast from. When dry they were used for bread-making. In those days you could not buy ready-made yeast, so you had to make your own. There was one mulberry tree on our farm, different from any other I have ever known.

My great-grandfather Wesley King was born in Watertown, New York. He came to Arkansas with my great-grandfather William Reed, to marry William Reed's daughter Sally Reed. To this union were born five children--my own blood grandmother, Ann King Reed, who died at the close of the Civil War and was buried near Aurora, Mo. To my knowledge I am the only one of her kin that ever visited this lonely forgotten cemetery, searching for family history. Great uncle Joseph Reed King, was born January 26, 1829, died unmarried at the age of 75 at his half-sister's home in Cane Hill, Ark., Mrs. Mary King Reed. My grandfather, Sam K. Reed, was Wesley King's brother-in-law.

Later, he was Wesley King's son-in-law. After Sally's death, Wesley King married Evaline Holt. They were the parents of 13 children and my great-grandparents. (Sorry I got off on my Reed and King families. All were Washington County pioneers and they intermarried.)

Great-grandfather Wesley King was an herb doctor, and great-grandmother Evaline Holt King was a midwife doctor. They would go for miles to help people. Someone had to go after doctors in those days. There was no telephone. When folks inquired for Bob Simpson, they were directed to go south for as far as the road went. We lived at the foot of the Boston Mountains, in what was called Honey Hollow Valley, where I was born.

My father, Bob Simpson, and his third wife, Evaline Lewis Simpson, married about 1905 and made their home in Prairie Grove, Ark. Mrs. Simpson was a wonderful seamstress. That is what she did to earn her living before she got married and naturally continued doing the same after she was married to my father. He adopted her daughter, Bessie. So she always went as Bessie Simpson. One of their twin children was Harold Simpson, who was just like our father in looks and ways. Next was Hazel Simpson, born 30 minutes after her brother Harold. Our father was so proud of those twins, you would have thought they were his only children. Next to Bessie, who was a sweet little girl and grew into a beautiful woman. Bessie married and had one daughter, Catherine, who married Bales May of Pawhuska, Okla. They have two daughters and a son.

SYCAMORE SCHOOL, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARK., 1911

Top row, left to right: Eva Loftin, Georgie Sawyer, Dora Smith, Pansy Brock, Zola Brock, Jewell Loftin, Ethel Hillard, Bertha Sutton.

Second row: Scott Smith, Bell Sutton, Henry Loftin, Robert Doyle, Orvil Loftin, Guy Tanner, Jim Doyle.

Third row: Emmett Smith, Burl Smith, Claud Courtney, Elder Smith, Clyde Courtney, Gladys Johnson.

Fourth row: Mildred Sutton, Nellie Sutton, Alva Brock, Marvie Brock, Tennie Loftin, Beatrice Smith, Millie Brock.

Fifth row: Garland Johnson, Charlie Sutton, Claude Doyle.

Teacher, Bertha Stockburger.

Picture and identifications furnished by
Mrs. L. G. Purser (Jewell Loftin),
Winslow, Arkansas

ITEMS FROM THE KINNEBROUGH COLLECTION

A Letter of 1851.

(Editor's note: The letter reproduced herewith was loaned to us by one of our members, Russell Broyles, who owns the letter at present. In trying to identify the writer of the letter, "Mary G.", Mr. Broyles wrote us as follows:

> Isabella Kinnebrough, who later married Wm. H. Engels, was the mother of Mrs. Bertha Engels Gaskill, who preserved the letter. My maternal aunt gave me the letter on my birthday in 1951, when the letter was 100 years old. Mrs. Gaskill is sure that "Mary G." of Baptist Mission was Mary G. Jones. She had attended school with Isabella Kinnebrough at Mt. Comfort Female Seminary, where her sister, Miss Hannah Jones, was principal. Later Miss Hannah Jones married an older man from Baptist Mission--the one that Mary G. "could not stand the sight of." The letter was addressed to Isabella Kinnebrough at Clarksville, as she had made a trip there via horseback, to visit an uncle, William Moore and family. Isabella lived in the Kinnebrough neighborhood (now Farmington) but mail was received through Fayetteville. -- Russell Broyles)

(Folded and sealed, to make envelope.
At upper left, "Baptist Mission, C. N., Ark., Aug. 30, 1851."
Postage "5" but no stamp. Regular post office cancellation.
Addressed to Miss Isabella C. Kinnebrough, Clarksville, Arks.
Notation: "Missent and forwarded." "Clarksville" struck out and "Fayetteville" written in.

Baptist Mission, C. N.
Aug. 25, 1851

Dear Bell

I would have written long ago but I could not find out whether you were gone or not and only last week ascertained that you were.

After I saw you the weather was so very warm that I thought you could not possibly go and this was my reason for not writing sooner.

Dear Bell, I do wish you were near me so we could visit each other for I miss you so much. I had been with you so long, with no company but you and Han. I am very lonesome now; no one lives in this neighborhood that are any company to Pet and me.

Don't you think I've been to see Han once which was last week, and she had the assurance to tell me that she was as happy as she could be. Oh Bell, you know she can't be happy, with him. The very sight of him is enough for me. Bell you must go to see him when you come home. She wants to see you so much. The girls were very kind to us when we were there and seemed glad to see us, and I'm sure I was glad to see Han looking better.

Mary Kelleam is going to school to Miss Coleman next term. She is at the Hill now, boarding at Pylant's where the Moberly's stay. You know you saw them here. I saw her last week. She says they are so mean to her. She cries almost every day. I do wish she could get away from there.

I have never seen Mary Parks since, but I received a letter from her a week or two ago. I do love her. She is such a good girl. I'm going to see her some time. She says she had a letter from Sarah Boone. She is going to school in Neosho. I have written to Sarah but I have not yet received an answer.

Callie Bushyhead left here just now. She goes to school at the great Seminary and to the great teachers and with the great young ladies and at that great place Tahlequah. I have heard such great descriptions of it that I don't think I need to go for I could draw a good picture of it without seeing it. Callie loves to stay there, she says, her teachers are so kind to her.

I do wish I could go to some good school. It seems like doing nothing to stay here always but I'm going east when I get rich. Pet got a letter from Mary C. the other day. She went to the great party at the Judge's, and enjoyed herself very much.

Aug. 30. Dear Bell. I meant to write a long letter but I am so sick. I cannot sit up any longer than just to finish this which I began two days ago. Write to me very soon, Dear Bell, and when you come home, come to see me. Pauline sends her warmest love.

Good Bye, Yours affectionately,

MARY G.

My reason for paying postage is that letters when prepaid are so much cheaper than when they are not. Mary G.

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(Letter folded and addressed
Mrs. Jane Kinnebrough
At Home
pr A. M. Wilson

Fayetteville, Ark.
Jany 18th, 53

Mrs. Kinnebrough

Mr. A M Wilson is coming out to make an arrangement with you for the purchase of part of the land which you sold to Muncy. He has bought of Muncy 160 acres which tracts are marked on a small plot of the Land which he will show you. This will leave Muncy 120 acres still with all his improvements thereon. Mr. Wilson proposes to give you his note due in three weeks from this time for Five hundred dollars and if the money is not then forthcoming to pay you ten per cent interest until it is paid; if you will release that part of the land which he buys from the mortgage which you hold. The 120 acres on which the mortgage will still be binding will more than secure the balance of the debt and the arrangement which Mr. Wilson proposes making will be advantageous to you. Mr. W. is fully responsible for all his promises and will be prompt.

Yr friend P. P. VAN HOOSE

JOHNSON FAMILY OF MADISON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

by Wayne C. Keeney

Very little can I find of the forerunner of this Johnson family of Madison County, Ark. We do know that James Johnson about 1743 married Rebecca Martin in Goochland Co., Va. Feb. 27, 1766. James organized a company called "James Johnson Co., 6th Virginia Regiment;" he was commissioned Captain of the company February 16, 1776 at Philadelphia Pa. Later promoted to Major April 1, 1777. He resigned Aug. 15, 1777, and then was killed by Tories while bathing in a nearby creek.

Rebecca later married Thomas Murrell. They went to Tennessee. Late record shows Rev. Thomas Murrell owned two parcels of land in Hawkins Co., Tenn. He was a Baptist preacher, pastor of Big Creek church near Whitesburg, Tenn. He served as messenger to the Holston Association 1789 to 1803. By about 1808 he had disposed of all his land. He also disappears from the church record. He may have gone to North Carolina.

Major James and Rebecca had two sons: William, born Goochland Co., Aug. 2, 1768, and Martin, born prob. Lunenburg Co., Va. 1777. No birth record found to date. Martin Johnson was, we believe, raised and married in Hawkins Co., Tenn. He married 1799 Sarah Combs, who was born in S. C., raised in Kentucky.

Records indicate Martin moved to Warren Co., Tenn. by about 1809. He is on list of taxpayers for 1812. He lived on Rocky River and appears on the 1829 church membership roll (also Sarah) of Rocky River church, Baptist, in what is now White Co., Tenn. Martin served in War of 1812 as a 1st Sergeant under Capt. James Tate. Inducted at Fayetteville, Tenn.

Martin and Sarah had 12 children, all born Hawkins and Warren Cos. Tennessee. Sarah died Warren Co. 1829. Martin married 2nd, Mary Hock (Hawks) June 14, 1829, Warren Co. She was a sister of his son Martin, Jr.'s wife. Children and whom they married:

William, born 1800, married 1st, Logue; 2nd, Rosannah Drake.
James, born 1801, married 1st Lydia Russell; 2nd Rachael Boyd. He had 4 children by Lydia; 8 children by Rachael.
Pleasant M., born 1805, married Margaret Counts. Went to Madison Co., Ark. with Martin 1829; was first sheriff of Madison Co., Ark. and was in the Arkansas state legislature 1850-1856. Had 8 children.
John Clark, born 1810, married Mary Drake, went to Madison Co., Ark. with Martin 1829. Had 11 children.
Thomas M., born 1811, married Sarah McMurray, born 1808. Had 4 children. He traveled on foot 1,200 miles in one month and four days, without food for three days and without bread for seven days.
Martin Jr., born 1812, married Lydia Hawks and had 8 children; married 2nd Sarah Bailey and had 12 children. Lydia died 1845.
Richard, born 1815, married Nancy McMurray. Had 5 children.
Elizabeth, born 1817, married Isaac Mitchell, born 1814. Had 3 children. Lived E. Central Mo., coming to Madison Co., at later date.
Matilda, born 1818, married George Counts, born 1804, came to Madison Co., Ark. with Martin Johnson 1829. The Counts had 11 children.
Dollie, born ???, may have died young.
Nancy, born 1820, married Isaac Drake, had 7 children.
Sarah, born 1825, married Nicholas Counts, had 8 children.

James Johnson, my line

James, born 1801, married Lydia Russell, had Robert born 1822, married Martha Ward 1833.
Pleasant M., born 1828, married September 30, 1846 Mary Ann Young born 1828; had 13 children. Pleasant died Oct. 22, 1904; Mary Ann died Feb. 23, 1902. Buried in Cherry Creek cemetery.
Elizabeth, born 1832, married 1850 to James Johnson. She died Aug 24, 1884.
Ann, born 1829, married James Cantwell (or Cantrell) born 1820. Lived in Pinnacle area.

James married 2nd, Rachael Boyd, born 1812, and by her had
Ibbey ? ? ?
John R., born 1840
Nancy, born 1844, married James Duncan (Sgt. in Civil War)
Lucy (Lucretia), born 1845, married ? ? Rogers
Clarissa, born 1847
James, born 1848, married Amanda Dodson; had 11 children
Martin, born 1850, married Matilda Guthrie, had 7 children
Handy (?), born ??, married Belle Boatright, had 11 children
Pauline Adeline (?), married a Boyd (?) (Not sure of all these.)

Pleasant M. married Mary Ann (Polly) Young, and had:
James Coleman, b. 1848, m. America E. Ledbetter, her 2nd (her 1st Richard Hogan.)
Henry Gibson, born 1849, unmarried
Siotha, born 1852, married Joe Phillips, lived Texas
Amos, born 1854, married Jo Fairby Lou Allen
Willis, born 1856, married - - - - -, lived Texas
Francis Marion, born 1859, married Jane Guthrie
Mary Elizabeth, born 1862, married John Conner, went to Texas
Pleasant Miller, born 1864, married Eva or Ellen Naulden, and lived in Texas
Letha Ann, born 1866, married Marshall Phillips, lived Texas
Minneas Kate, born 1868, married ? ? ? Ray
Jame, born 1870, unmarried
Abhaline, born 1875, married Robt. Poyner, 2nd Ray Williams

Please remember some of these records are from census, and from many other sources, not always correct. Fifth generation after Martin Johnson is hard to find.

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Martin Johnson seems to have been the leader of a group, including his son Pleasant and wife, son John Clark and his wife, and we believe George and Nicholas Counts and their wives, probably some other families came from Warren Co., Tenn. to what was then Washington County, Ark. but in 1835 became Madison Co., to make their homes.

While the group were camped about where Elkins now is, they were visited by Daniel Vaughan and George Vaughan. There seem to have been no other settlers in the western part of now Madison County at that time. They settled in and around the area of Wesley, Drakes Creek and Hindsville and began to prepare the land for farming and to build their

homes. By 1832 several of the Johnson children had followed from Tennessee. Also a number of families from Warren County, Tenn., came and settled in the same area. I believe all of Martin's children came to Madison Co., Ark.

It would appear from the records as I have them, that Martin Johnson had 93 grandchildren. How many descendants to this day should be worthy of a book. Some of the allied families are: Ball, Bailey, Anderson, Boatright, Calico, Cantwell, Culwell, Clark, Combs, Harp, Hawks, Dotson, Drake, Eubanks, Gage, Gibson, Guthrie, Lane, Henderson, Hill, Lawson, Lewis, Logue, McCarver, McDonald, McElhaney, Woody, Neal, Parker, Nail, Rogers, Ross, Sams, Stewart, Phillips, Keeney, Todd, Shofner, Hunt, Ward, Vanderpool, Frasier, Lucas, McDaniel, Fritts, Gaines, Conner, Cartright, Garrett, Bird, Wolf, Worley, Shook, Mathias, Bowen, Carter, Jones, Reed, Foster, Glenn, Roberts, Duncan, Boone, Blackburn, Lollar, McCord, Worthington, Allison, Oliver, Neely, Shipley, Strange, Wiedeman, Ham, Thompson, Hash, King, Conkle, Childers, Foster, Wilkes, McFadden, Moses, Williams, Pitts, Ingraham, Winn, Sanford, Mason, Anater, and others.

About Major James' son, William -- have found very little. His son, James M., was in Warren Co., Tenn., about 1830. Madison County census shows James M., Sr. born Georgia, 1805. James M., Jr. born Warren Co. Tenn., 1832. Both James, Sr. and Jr. were in the Civil War, and James Sr. was wounded. James, Sr. married Mariam Worthington. They had at least five children. She died 1853, he died 1869. They came to Madison County 1836.

James, Jr. married Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of James and granddaughter of Martin. Married 1850. James Jr., known as Colonel, farmed until 1855 when he began to read medicine. Graduated from Arkansas College at Fayetteville, also from St. Louis Medical College. Raised many US troops for the Civil War and was in command of the 1st Arkansas Infantry. He took his family to Madison Co., Ill., during the war but moved back to Madison County, Ark. after the war. In 1864 he was elected to Congress and again in 1866 but never took his seat. In 1869 he was appointed by Governor Murphy to fill part of term as Secretary of State and later elected to full term. He was Lieut. Governor under Governor Isaac Murphy, and full-term Secretary of State under Governor Clayton. I went to his funeral, about 1912 -- Masonic funeral.

The brother of the Colonel was Major Francis Johnson, who married Mary A. Callico. He was born 1842, married 1868.

I wish everyone was interested in family history and genealogy. I have about 150 "Family Group Sheets," not all complete but add to them when possible. I have a membership roll of Rocky River Baptist Church 1829. It is now in White Co., Tenn. but was then in Warren Co., Tenn., "north on Holston Baptist Church 1792."

I would appreciate any additional data, from anyone, on any of these and allied families. I was raised in Madison Co., Ark. but some of the family lived in Washington County.

Sheridan Johnson lives in the old "Uncle Colonel" house, about a mile north of Wesley. Sheridan is retired railroad mail carrier of Wesley route. His sister in California is interested in family history. The

Colonel's mother was a Jernigan. Pleasant M. Johnson, first sheriff of Madison Co. Two of Pleasant M.'s sons got him to outfit them for a trip to the California Gold Rush. He did not want to, but finally gave in and outfitted them for the trip. When he got things ready they decided not to go. He said "Yes." So they started. In Kansas they had trouble in the wagon train and one of the boys was killed and wagon and team taken. The other boy walked back after a couple of years. Pleasant M., sheriff and in the Arkansas legislature from 1850 to 1856, said all the family blamed him for making the boys leave for California. So after a time he abandoned family and all and went to the head of one of the creeks east or south of Hunstville. He built himself a one-room cabin and there he spent the remainder of his life as a hermit.

I grew up knowing my grandmother, America Evelyn Ledbetter Johnson, wife of James Coleman, had been married before to a Johnson and had two children. After much research, such a record could not be found. It was said that her first husband (Johnson) did not come back from the Civil War, so she later married my grandfather. Found record that an America Evelyn Ledbetter had married Richard Hogan in Franklin County, and had two children, same name and age, etc. shown later in Records. So am sure my Grandma's first husband was Richard Hogan of Franklin Co. and not a Johnson.

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I am in hopes that someone will have a family bible, or knows who is the father of Colonel LARREMORE and Mary (LARREMORE) Scott. Mary Larremore m. Joseph Marion Scott abt 1831 Crawford Co., Arkansas. Children: Col. James Scott, b. 1832; William, b. 1837; and Joseph b. 1842, all born in Washington Co., Arkansas.

Colonel Larremore, b. 1826 Crawford Co., Arkansas and d. 2 Dec. 1879 Johnson Co., Texas. He m. Rebecca Ann (EDMONSON) Delany 1 July 1849, near Evansville, Washington County, Arkansas. They had 12 children as follows:

William Lively Larremore, b. 1853, Evansville, Ark.; m. Dora B. (?)
John M. B. Larremore, b. 1854 Evansville; m. Rebecca S. Meals, Texas
Alice B. Larremore, b. 1856 Johnson Co., Texas; m. G. F. Trumble, and 2nd m. Robt. Tarceton of Earth Co., Texas.
Texanna Larremore, b. 1857; m. 1879 R. Montgomery, Johnson Co., Texas
Christopher Larremore, b. 1858 Johnson Co., Texas; m. Selma Rogers
Baby Roda Larremore, b. 1859, Johnson Co., Texas; m. John Pritchard
Laura Ann Larremore, b. 1860 Johnson Co., Texas; m. Joseph A. Mayes 1878
Samuel D. Larremore, b. 1862; m. Jannie Braswell
Fannie Larremore, b. 1866 Johnson Co., Texas; m. William Ray
Alexander Larremore, b. 1864 Johnson Co., Texas; d. child
Frank Larremore, b. 1868 Johnson Co., Texas; m. Della Todd

Who was Jackson Larremore, found on the 1835 tax roll of Washington Co,, Arkansas? I have much more on the Larremore family and would be glad to hear from any of the Edmonson or Delany families and exchange information.

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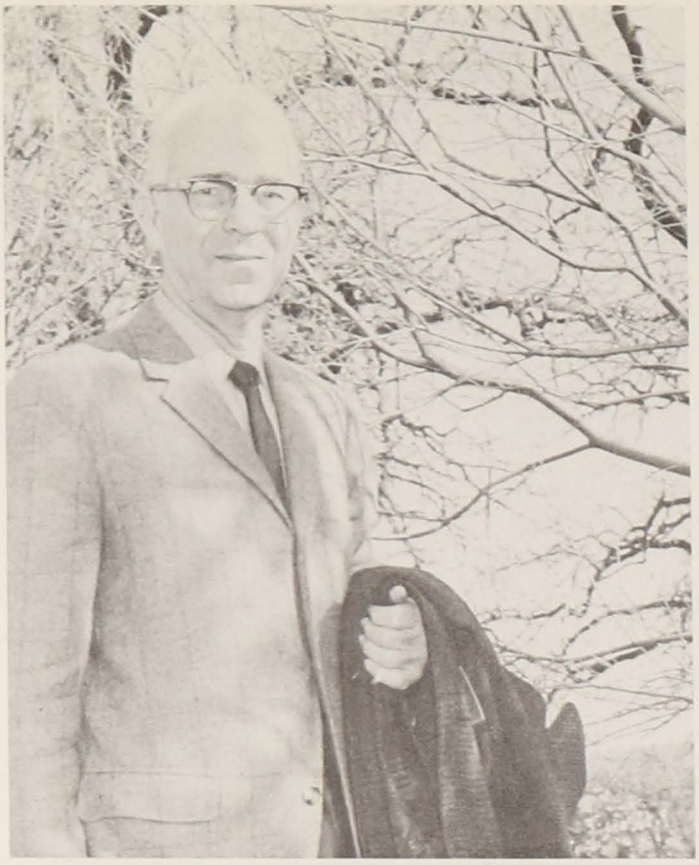

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LOCAL HISTORY FURNISHES INSPIRATION FOR POETRY

(Editor's note: This is the first of a series of poems that owe their inspiration to local history. First of the series is "Sonata for a Southern Town", written by C. E. Shuford, native of Fayetteville and now director of journalism at North Texas State University. Shuford worked as a reporter for the Fayetteville Democrat while attending the University of Arkansas. He received his master's in journalism from Northwestern University. He held scholarships at Northwestern and at the MacDowell Writers' Colony, Peterboro, N.H. He taught at several southern universities before going to North Texas State in 1937. He served in the Air Force from 1942 to 1945, being separated as a 2nd lieutenant. Shuford, who is listed in "Who's Who in America", has received 24 annual awards from the Poetry Society of Texas. His poetry has been published in the Saturday Evening Post, Scribner's, Southwest Review, New Mexico Quarterly, and several anthologies. Shuford has won a number of national awards, including two from the Poetry Society of America. In January 1966 he went to New York to receive the society's William Marion Reedy Memorial Award of $300 for his "The Death in Our Family", a poem in free form about the Kennedy assassination.

("Sonata for a Southern Town" is based on the history of Fayetteville. It has been previously published in various periodicals and we are reprinting it with the author's permission. — WJL)

SONATA FOR A SOUTHERN TOWN

by C. E. Shuford

In the spring the mocking bird bursts its heart among the lilacs
The earth is big-limbed and ruddy, mystery of many forms:
The leaf, the tendril, the lacework of frost.
And the wet spring rain washes the town
Fills the graves, the years are clean
Lilacs and rose and hyacinth
And heavy the night.
The poet broods at his window
In the warm darkness let him come down
The streets are dark
Who is there? For what is he searching?

Remembers long ridges in the sun
White oak and black, red oak and dogwood
And Judas trees scarlet in spring rain
And grass creeping toward mountains
This was the earth, these were the furrows, here fell the seed.
Now the poet stands in the town and knows the harvest is here.
It has come, it will be gathered, it will return to death.
Where we are rooted we will die.

Dream softly, poet
Look on the faces
Touch the bodies gently
Hear tenderly the words of the dead
Wisdom is deep-rooted
Its foliage is low.

2

"I gotta have change tonight
And you tell him--yes ma'am...five cents...yes ma'am
Three, that's fifteen cents one tax that's sixteen
You gotta penny?...Nobody's ever gotta penny...
Sixteen outa twenty-five that's Ni-un cents...
And you go tell him..."

They come in waves, the faces laughing
The town moves and the earth moves
The coins rattle on the counter
No one has a penny.

They had gold, and the rich merchant,
he who sold enough salt enough coffee enough sugar
enough silks calicos linseys
enough plows hoes axes
enough candle moulds hunting knives pistols--
could lock it in safe
could haul it away with oxen
could ship it by boat from Van Buren
to New Orleans to Saint Louis to Cincinnati

could buy niggers with it
could have black boy and silver candle sticks
could drink whiskey from decanters
scrolled with gold and silver cupids
and before warm grate fire.

In the wide hall the logs blaze high
pile them on, you black boojum
fire is good is beautiful
light all the candles
among dripping spears of crystal
among gold and silver plate
there is music tonight
tinkle tankle of the spinet
and young voices
and how young God is tonight
all music and laughter and milk-white flesh
and there is a great bishop coming
and God is already here
among the silver
among the laughter
pile on logs, you old black joe
there's a great bishop coming
he likes good whiskey.

3

Felt leather and the long whips
And in the sun sweat rivulets to hooves,
And patient and strong, heaved against oak bows or hickory,
Burden of the earth rocked, and wheels moved.
And damned by Pat Hennessey and Tom Guthrie and the rest
The while black-snake whip ribboned fire on hide
Freight was eight dollars a barrel
On salt hauled from Rolla, Missouri.
And we were oxen, broad-backed and cud-chewing.
We sleep, let us sleep.
And Pat Hennessey and Tom Guthrie
And all the other freighters
The world is done with them
Is done with freighters and oxen sleep too.
But the earth is not done
In the earth we sleep.

4

I hear singing
Better than at foot-washing
Better than when parson bellows
Brass bull voice big as drum
Boom-boom God; boom-boom God
Hear Him myself way up here
That's why I come west.
If'n I want a cannon shot
I got old Betsy
She's rifle-gun my gran'pap give me
Way back in Kaintuck.
God ain't no squirrel settin' on a limb.

5

Man is deity that hides the germed cell
Fashions the bed, the spinning wheel, the coffin
Hews straight, planes smooth, pegs down the lid
Else we would die like beasts.
Unhid from the awful countenance of heaven
Would be foaled like wild colts
At the edge of a wood
Or dropped like cubs in a cave.

How else swing steel
Lift hammer and let fall
At the forge beat shares and swords
Mold the guns of death
And at the clacking loom
Weave the sheet
To cover face of corpse?

The mill turns
And the wheel.
And in the log, the secret.
Saddles were made, there were tanneries
The axe, the pick, the hoe--
These fell from nerveless fingers
Other hands lift them again

All, all under brooding hills
Under the dark arch of mighty sky
Only the poet listens
In Me there is no end
In Me there is no end
the veins dream...

6

Now the poet
Remembers Osage and Shawnee
Delaware and Cherokee
And flint-tipped death
Buffalo grazing near the wallows
When Frank Pierce came
And remembers McGarrahs and James Leeper
Stephen K. Stone and Lodowic Brodie
William McIlroy and Seneca Sutton
Names that walls are built of
There were others...

And can see the faces dimly
Here is one blunt, like the heel of the hand
And this sharp as axe steel
How else the wilderness to be cloven
To be bludgeoned down?
And there the dreamer, beard-hidden,
The poet, the mystic, the prophet--
Which neighbor stole his land
While he gazed on the mountains?

And this lawyer--they came to see him,
The bishops, the judges, the politicians
He used them all, his gaze was vast
It swallowed earth and men
Swallowed handful of houses in wild majesty of hills
Saw roads, saw stages, saw oxcarts gone
The steel creeping in, highway of empire.
And the prophet: Be fruitful, multiply,
The richness of the earth is the Lord's and yours
The vine is heavy, let the seed be planted
For the harvest is not far off.
And the scythe fell with a faint clicking
The sigh of steel against grass
I give you the South suh
And not a damned Yank left this side of hell
The wounded screamed, hands bowel-thrust
But the dead were voiceless
They could not scream
They lay in the ditch
And they were mute
This was the harvest
A toast, suh, to the Southern woman...

7

And the little corporal lying in the ditch
The sunlight like yellow butter
In the gaped cave of his mouth
Heard the canister burst
In the cavalry camp on the hill beyond
And the men running and rifle fire
Lead falling spent in the grass beside
And then did not hear
Nor saw flag more
Nor remembered the march
Nor wide dreaming fields
Nor mouth of woman

No glory no brass buttons
No starry eyes no Southern honor
No whiskey suh with deep mint
By god suh with sabers
With pistols suh at twenty paces
All long ago when heaven wore crinoline

Now nothing but iron horror in breast
And mouth wide in corpse grin
The sunlight lies in the opened throat
Like a ball of yellow butter
Stained with red

The looting began
They marched out with hams bayonet-spiked
They burned the square
And the Baptist Church
But not the politicians

Gold and plate were buried
In the garden at midnight
But Uncle Dan Jobe went on making wagons
For whichever army occupied the town
And old Peter, "No suh, boss-yankee, we's poh
And old Mahsa ain' say nothin' 'bout no money
No silvuh cups no jewels
Ole Miss she sick and Quantrell he run off de mules..."
And Uncle Dan Jobe went on making wagons
For whichever army occupied the town.

8

The dead live in the town
And when the two million six hundred thousand brick are laid
The great university is not complete
The dead lie in their coffins
They are stacked in their tombs
Time is the mortar between
And when the bricks are vanished
We see the wall that has risen
It is built on the earth.

The earth is everlasting
How delicate the faces, the young, the eternal
Soon they will vanish
Let them remain a little while
For those who love them
Let them remain.

Fourteen Cherokee girls
Coppered flesh sun-burnished
Hair black and straight
Gold, the moons of their faces
Their eyes, spring

Her face is seamed
Her heart hickory
She is the ancient and withered virgin
How many have loved her
How multitudinous her sons and daughters
They people the earth
They are her flesh
Her virginity is fecund

"Sophia Sawyer,
Died February 22, 1854, aged 61 years.
She Hath Done What She Could."

It is afternoon in the great university
The young girls are beautiful, the youths are beautiful
The body is clean, it is a temple
And now brick upon brick
Granite and marble sheath for steel
How the bells clang!

And the rushing feet
The beating voices
The unseen clapping of hands
This is the seed
These the voiceless vibrations
This is the unheard voice
This is eternity

The skull is white
It contains a little grayish ash for maggots
Flowers bloom there.

9

The houses, the streets, the people.
The poet remembers, he walks back,
He goes deep into Time.
The seed stirs.

The smell of the news room
Of boiling metal, of dead ink
The hot dead smell from downstairs
As if the type were fried in stale grease
Cigarette smoke and the broiling of the back shop
who is born who is dead who is dying
who was arrested who was drunk
and did the goldenrod club meet Tuesday
if he stole the ballots in August
the grand jury wouldn't indict cesare borgia
but there is an angel on the wall of the courthouse
the names of the dead are there
the halls are cool
and I think God runs a j. p. court in the attic

All the dead who left the town to die for it
All the cool names under the wings of the angel
And in the halls the pale golden smell of tobacco juice

And now, thank you, I will go upstairs and talk to God
Yes, he has white hair
Yes, he is a j. p. and very wise
All day he wraps his arms around his belly
And stares out the window at the town
When the lawyers yell he twiddles his thumbs
And shrewdly spits through the window

How wise you are, God, above the town
You have white hair and laugh
But soon you will be dead
I shall miss you

I shall miss you, God
When you laugh, your belly shakes
Very few wise people know this.

10

The murdered man sprawls in the ditch
The great singer hears the brass above the rustling strings
The ghost of a cornet bays gently
Is it the vanished aria
Or a boy in the village band?

Go down to the hovel at the end of the street
A mother is suckling her baby
He takes the milk in great gasps
Little bubbles of milk form on his lips
Do not forget him
The mocking bird spills notes down his shingles.

11

In the operating room
The patient swoons under his ether dream
His viscera awaiting the caress of the surgeon
The gloved hands move with ineffable grace
Dancers with rubber legs above the gleaming whiteness
And the knife with swift delicacy
The pathetic stream of blood
How like a flower the secrets of the body
Once the sheath is laid back
The long coiling roots
Flow into the hands of the surgeon

Once a man had a lead bullet to chew
Thus stifled his screams

12

O pioneers, you who came in buckskin,
The wheel turned in the earth, the road wound after
Now is the town, the Indians are vanished
There is no buffalo at the wallow
For the bird is metal.

Float over us, silvery bird
Are you prophecy or death?
Fade sorrow and pain and joy
But in the dust
Leave smooth and polished stone

Man holds the earth for a day, it is his
Rise, town, among the towering hills....

-- GENE SHUFORD

WEST CEMETERY, NEAR SUMMERS, ARK.

by Mrs. Ray Carte, Lincoln, Ark.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Burlene Hilton I am sending you the listing of a little cemetery I visited recently. It lies in a valley between Sugar Hill and West Mountain, about two miles southwest of Summers, Arkansas.

Thomas West and his sons: Jonathan R., Nathan R., Thomas R., and Pleasant R. West, homesteaded this valley in 1830. I have been told that the "R" in each name stands for Renshaw, their mother Mary's maiden name.

I went there with my mother-in-law, Fanny West Carte, to visit the grave of her grandfather, Pleasant R. West. The little family cemetery is in a pasture and the markers have all been knocked over. There are six graves with inscribed markers and about 20 graves marked only with sandstone slabs.

Pleasant and his nephew, Ewing Summers West, son of Nathan R., died on the same day, Nov. 23, 1863. They were going home from Summers when they were shot off their mules by bushwhackers (Pin Indians). The Indians took their mules and left both men for dead. Ewing, however, was not dead and was able to crawl to a nearby house where he died sometime later that day.

Pleasant's wife Emily and two of Ewing's sisters, Mary and Matilda, Jonathan's daughter Elizabeth, Amanda Mankins, Evaline Elms and Elizabeth Little, dug the graves and buried them the next night. Reverend Nathan R. West was buried there in 1890. I do not know where Jonathan and Thomas are buried. Pleasant's wife Emily and Nathan's wife Elizabeth are buried at Ganderville. The father and mother, Thomas and Mary Renshaw West, are buried at Bethlehem. Mary died in 1838 and is one of the oldest graves in that cemetery.

-- Christine Carte, Lincoln, Ark.

PLEASANT R. WEST, born March 26, 1821; died Nov. 23, 1863

EWING SUMMERS WEST, son of N. R. West, born Feb. 28, 1834; died Nov. 23, 1863.

MAHALIA WEST, wife of Wiley B. O. Johnson, born Dec. 3, 1836; died Sept. 6, 1859.

ELIZABETH HANNAH, daughter of P. R. West, born 1852; age 11 mos.

JAMES CAPERS, son of N. R. West, born November 20, 1858; died July 28, 1861.

REV. N. R. WEST, born Dec. 24, 1810; died April 1, 1890.

JOHNSON SCHOOL ABOUT 1907 - 1908

1. Addie Lynch (Teacher)
2. Mary Craig (Teacher)
3. Franke Cardwell
4. Geneve Ritchie
5. Beulah Horne
6. Nell Banks
7. Kate Basket
8. Willie Horne
9. Elmer Ritchie
10. Annie Sadler
11. Carrie Cardwell
12. Ida Craig
13. Flora Cardwell
14. Maude Cooper
15. Pink Garrett
16. Henry Lockhart
17. Morris Ritchie
18. Buell Mayes
19. Lela Cox
20. Myrtle Lockhart
21. Anna Horne
22. Beulah Langford
23. Freda Ritchie
24. Bess Hanks
25. Beth Crum
26. Ola Wright
27. Floyd Anthony
28. Gideon Vernon
29. Dayne Mayes
30. Elmo Ritchie
31. Allen Banks
32. Rex Banks
33. Edgar Bookout
34. Josephine Gregory
35. Grace Ramey
36. ————
37. Pearl Good
38. Blanche Hanks
39. Pearl Cardwell
40. Susan Gregory
41. Nina Bookout
42. Opal Kelly
43. ———— Haynes
44. Hugh Crum
45. Raymond Wright
46. Doak Abercrombie
47. Ted Lankford
48. Vernie Lockhart
49. Raymond Lewellyn
50. ————
51. ———— Bookout
52. ———— Haynes

Identifications by Bess Hanks (Farish) of Springdale, Ark.

EARLY JOHNSON SCHOOL PHOTOS

From the collection of C. Vale Mayes, Edinburg, Texas

MANY WERE FRIENDS, SOME WERE ANCESTORS

by F. M. McConnell

In the election held in White River Township, September 2, 1878, the Judges were Geo. W. VanHoose, Moses B. Long and Geo. W. Arnett. The Clerks were Harvey F. Head and Henry M. Rieff. The oath was administered by Robt. A. Rutherford, a Justice of the Peace. A poll tax was required, and there were 254 voters. At that time women were not authorized to vote.

Listed among the voters were Geo. W. Zachariah, J. J. VanHoose, Geo. W., Bracken, and M. B. Lewis, Peter Mankins Sr., Peter Mankins Jr., D. T. Boone, Wiley Barnes, Wiley Deen, Moses B. Long, Harvey F. Head, Geo. W. and Luke Arnett, G. W. King, John Fincher, John Roberson, Stu Boaz, Jesse Tharp, C. R. Bogan, Nick F. Waz, R. M. Strain, B. F. Johnson, G. T. Dockery, T. R. Strickler, Thomas Paschal, Rev. Riley Jones, Bayless Shumate, D. I. Perry, D. C. Mason, H. C. Reese, C. G. Chandler, Wm. A. Jett, B. F., R. A. and W. A. M. Harris, J. J. Morgan, Pleasant Parker, Geo. W. and J. H. Carter, L. A. Hobbs, J. W. Bassett, W. Y. Ramsey, E. S. Liles, C. Cosby, Zach Kinion, G. D. Masters, Sam Hanna, Wm. Osburn, J. B. Watts, H. Lemasters, John Brooks, R. D. Robbins, Wm. Springston, J. G. Richardson, Joe Williams, T. J. Hunt, C. L. Howell, B. F. Ramey, J. M. Carrigan, W. H. Campbell, Sam Frailey, and others.

Another election in the same township was held September 2, 1884. The Judges were J. M. Bassett, Henry M. Rieff and J. H. Jones. The clerks were Geo. W. VanHoose and Harvey F. Head. In this election 104 votes were cast for Thomas Mullins for County Judge and 42 for R. J. Wilson. For Sheriff Pat Moulden got 105 and George Dean 43. For Circuit Clerk J. N. Tillman got 45 and T. W. Cline 102. For Constable E. Lewis got 66, Thomas Payne 58, W. N. Jones 8, John Ramsey 8 and A. Lewis 7 votes. For Justice of the Peace Bracken Lewis had 102, Clark L. Burchett 126 and B. F. Ramey 9 votes.

In another election held in the same township, A. S. Vandeventer had 89 and Thomas Mullins had 102 votes for County Judge, and for County Clerk P. R. Smith had 89 and H. F. Reagan had 101 votes. Hugh F. Reagan had taught school at the school and church house known as Radical Point which was across the branch south of the Jim Bassett home. Hugh F. Reagan had many friends there. Radical Point was built through the efforts of Owen Ramey, Jim Brooks and John Bassett. It is no longer there.

Some voters shown in the records for 1884 did not appear in the records for 1878. No doubt this is due to a few reaching the voting age and some others moving into the district. At that time there was a postoffice at Cross Roads (later known as Black Oak), where Wiley Deen was postmaster, and another at Hazel Valley. Postoffices were later established at Sulphur City, Carters Store and Arnett, but all have since been discontinued, as have most of the other postoffices.

Related to the VanHooses are Mrs. A. N. Shively, the Mills family, the Lewises, Mrs. Elizabeth Reese and a host of others. The grandchildren of Wm. A. Jett are Norman, Elgin Reed and Mrs. Marel Reed-Griffith.

Shumates, Carters, Rev. Riley Jones and John Roberson, Heads and Longs were some early families. The eldest son of D.I. Perry still lives at Springdale. Geo.W.Arnett was the grandfather of Mrs. J. B. McConnell and Luke Arnett was the father of Arvil Arnett of Farmington. John Fincher has many descendants in the vicinity of Black Oak and elsewhere, and Mrs. Jacob Williams is the great-granddaughter of G. W. King. Jesse Tharp made many of the coffin-shaped stones found in the Middle Fork cemeteries. Nick Wax once had a store on the west side of Middle Fork river near the Gilliland ford which was later called the Faubush ford.

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POLL BOOK OF FAYETTEVILLE'S THIRD WARD 65 YEARS AGO

(Editor's note: Our Society has received the original poll book for Fayetteville's third ward in the election of Nov. 4, 1902. This historical record was sent to us by Drury T. Boyd, retired engineer of 614 North Sergeant Ave., Joplin, Mo. He got his degree from the University in 1917. His father, F. M. Boyd, was one of the clerks in the election of 1902 and most of the written names are in his handwriting. The poll book contains the oath of the judges for the election, who were Isaac Taylor, S. M. Harbison and Maurice Coffey, and the oath of the clerks, who were F. M. Boyd and W. E. Rosser. The election certificate, signed by Isaac T. Finley, Marshal, shows that H. A. Dinsmore received 64 votes and W. L. McPherson 10 votes in Fayetteville's Third Ward. Here are the Third Ward residents who voted in the 1902 election:)

1. John A. Muncey
2. Thomas Martin
3. Maurice Coffee.
4. Isaac Taylor
5. W. E. Rosser
6. J. H. Jenkins
7. F. M. Harbison
8. S. W. Davies
9. Ed Quarles
10. W. B. Welch
11. P. A. Swink
12. W. S. Tunstill
13. T. M. Gunter
14. C. W. Walker
15. W. S. Pollard
16. J. R. Harris
17. T. W. Clark
18. W. H. Morton
19. L. B. Lantrip
20. Jno. Clancy
21. J. F. Mayes
22. B. R. Davidson
23. E. B. Wall
24. J. L. Carlile
25. H. A. Dinsmore
26. S. P. Pittman
27. E. R. Bumpass
28. Doug Taylor
29. Jack Walker
30. Bruce Holcomb
31. J. W. Walker
32. C. T. Harding
33. H. F. Reagan
34. J. L. Buckhannon
35. P. F. Davidson
36. N. B. Williams
37. Clay King
38. J. L. Cravens
39. B. J. Dunn
40. J. V. Walker
41. B. J. Wade
42. George Lake
43. T. H. Humphreys
44. J. C. Massie
45. W. N. Yates
46. W. G. Vincenheller
47. J. N. Tillman
48. Ashton Vincenheller
49. Ed Crouch
50. Floyd Hight
51. Charley Hansard
52. J. W. Stirman
53. W. N. Hewett
54. D. M. Harbison
55. J. P. Hight
56. Jo Baum
57. H. D. Wood
58. E. W. Shuford
59. Lee Baum
60. G. T. Blanchard
61. B. F. Campbell
62. D. C. Ambrose
63. Otey Miller
64. E. Wilson
65. C. P. Boles
66. Harvey Wilkerson
67. F. M. Boyd
68. E. S. McDaniel
69. W. N. Crenshaw
70. A. I. Moore
71. Mose Baum
72. M. M. McClannahan
73. Frank Hall
74. E. B. Harrison

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This picture taken about 1908 on front steps of our home in Johnson, Ark. My mother, Mrs. C. S. Mayes, formerly Lillie Slauter of Springdale, and her Sunday School class. My father, Charles S. Mayes, built this house just west of Johnson school. We moved away in 1909 and the place was later the home of Gid Lichlyter and family.

— C. Vale Mayes, Edinburg, Texas

STATE OF ARKANSAS vs. HOWARD WILSON AND TULLY WILSON

On 5th day of May 1911 S. P. Dunlap files before me an affidavit, charging that Howard Wilson and Tully Wilson did in the County of Washington, on or about the 5th day of May 1911, commit the crime of horse racing on the public highway against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

Whereupon a warrant of arrest was issued and placed in the hands of the Constable of Township, May 5, 1911. On this 20 day of May comes the defendant, Howard Wilson in charge of the said Constable, and being ready for trial, the case is heard May 20, 1911 at 10 A. M., and thereupon the defendant, after hearing the charge read plead guilty, whereupon Constable S. P. Dunlap was duly examined under oath and S. P. Dunlap certified that said Howard Wilson and Tully Wilson did run their horses upon the public highway. Whereupon Constable S. P. Dunlap not being able to find said Tully Wilson, said Wilson being a refugee from J.P. Court, said Constable still holds warrant against said Tully Wilson. Whereupon it is adjudged by the court after hearing the evidence that said Howard Wilson is guilty as charged, whereupon it is adjudged by the court that the State of Arkansas have and receive from said Howard Wilson the sum of $10.00 as a fine and all costs expended in this case.

On this the 9th day of June 1911 comes S. P. Dunlap with said Tully Wilson, papers being duly served said Tully Wilson, pronounced ready for trial, whereupon after hearing the charge plead guilty, whereupon after hearing evidence from Con. S. P. Dunlap, it is adjudged by the court that said Wilson is guilty as charged, whereupon it is adjudged by the court that the State of Arkansas have and receive of said Wilson the sum of ten $10.00 dollars as a fine and all costs expended in this case.

M. H. HILL, J. P.

(The court record shows that Howard and Tully Wilson were each fined 10 plus costs, the total for each being $14.25. Both the Constable and the J. P. were operating on a fee basis and collected 5 cents per mile for mileage (Farmington to Fayetteville and return), 25 cents for attending court and miscellaneous costs, such as the J. P.'s fee of 25 cents for one affidavit and 10 cents for one oath, and the Constable's fee of $1 for serving the warrant and 25 cents for attending court. Even the Judge got his fee, $1.40. -- WJL)

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I am trying to get any information on Barton Arnold Carl. Mr. Carl was born in Coffee County, Tenn., Sept. 12, 1832, and came to Arkansas at an early age. He served in the Confederate army as a member of Co. K 34th Arkansas Infantry. Also I would like information on Sarah Parks Carl, wife of B. A. Carl.

Mrs. Mildred C. Jackson
475 W. Fremont Dr., Littleton, Colo. 80120

THE CRAWFORDS ARE SAFELY HOME

(Editor's note: Early in the summer two of our members from Palm Springs, Calif. were in Fayetteville and told us their plans for their 1967 vacation. They are Bill Crawford and Hildy Crawford. Bill is a retired school teacher and Hildy, although retired from newspaper and magazine editing, has a book coming up soon. Bill Crawford is a direct descendant of the Van Hooses of the Middle Fork of Washington Co., Ark. On their return August 28 to their home at 1149 Tamarisk Road, Palm Springs, Calif. 92262, we received the following account of their summer tour. My guess is that Hilda kept the notes while Bill was busy holding the trailer on the road. Here's a wonderful travel report. -- WJL)

Four months and 8,000 miles after we saw you in Fayetteville, The Back Room, our travel trailer, is parked on its home grounds in Palm Springs, with so many decals that the windows are almost covered.

We visited relatives in Arkansas, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Oregon, and friends in Maryland and Wisconsin and re-unioned with Hildy's high school friends in Indiana. We've visited Washington, D. C., Mt. Vernon, Williamsburg, the Badlands and Mount Rushmore. We crossed the Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri, Yellowstone, Willamette and Rogue and camped on the banks of the green Snake in Wyoming and the Hood in Oregon. We've driven along the scenic Potomac and the mighty Columbia.

Our trailer has been parked in the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Ozarks, the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone Park and beside Beartooth Lake at the 9000-foot elevation. We've walked the streets of the nation's capitol and the streets of Deadwood, and toured Wright-Patterson A. F. Base.

We've seen eagles and elks, bears and otters, antelopes, (and in Minnesota mosquitoes), all kinds of wold flowers, and the blooming rose gardens in Portland. We've been through spring beauty, summer heat and winter cold, and on the 4th of July we hiked over Custer's battlefield on the Little Bighorn and camped on the Crow Agency. We've shivered in 20 degrees cold at Kaibab Lake in Arizona and mopped our brows in Craters of the Moon in Idaho.

We've hunted rocks and shells, arrowheads, fossils, driftwood, family lines and antiques in 20 different states. Genealogical research led us to libraries and courthouses, cemeteries and homes of distant cousins in Arkansas, Indiana, Tennessee and Virginia.

We've eaten fried chicken and cornbread in Arkansas, that wonderful cheese and wild strawberry jam in Wisconsin, rainbow trout in South Dakota, oysters, salmon and crab in Oregon.

We've had another long look at this wonderful country of ours. We send our love and appreciation to all of you who helped make this such a memorable summer. -- Hildy and Bill.

Mr. & Mrs. W. E. R. Crawford
1149 Tamarisk Road, Palm Springs, Calif. 92262

BATES BROS. GROCERY, W. Dickson St., Fayetteville
(Photo courtesy Davis P. Richardson)

Three WCHS Booklets Now in Production

Our Society has in production three numbers in our booklet series. They are: "50th Anniversary of the Washington County National Guard Units (Cos. A and B, ANG, later 142nd Field Artillery); "History of the Elm Springs Methodist Church" by Thomas Rothrock; and "Some Reprints" from the writings of the editor, W. J. Lemke. Most of the material in the military booklet was written by Col. C. R. Mobley and Col. Jerome F. Thompson, with additional reminiscences from Ivan Williams and others, and many photos from Henry Caudle of Fayetteville and Mrs. Lowry Walker of Springdale. The Elm Springs history is illustrated with photos taken by John A. Reed and Ernie Deane. All three booklets will be liberally illustrated. Since we will print only 200 copies of each, we suggest that members make reservations by writing to the secretary of the Society, Deane G. Carter, Box 237, Fayetteville, Ark. You will receive shortly a WCHS Newsletter, outlining the contents of the books and quoting the price.

Developments at the Headquarters House

According to a ruling of our president, Tom Feathers, the House on East Dickson St., Fayetteville, recently purchased by the Society, will henceforth be known as "Headquarters House" instead of Tebbetts House. Several committees have been appointed, one to arrange for the Pioneer and Veterans plaques to be placed in the House, another to arrange for a dedication program, still another to assemble antiques and old furniture to be placed in the museum. Please give us your help if you are called on. We will publish a Newsletter to keep our members posted on developments. Meanwhile repairs have been made to the House, and one big dead elm tree has been taken down.

The transfer of ownership of the historic Tebbetts House from P. R. Green to the Washington County Historical Society took place at the House on August 20, 1967, when our president, Tom Feathers, handed a check for $40,000 to P. R. Green, who in turn handed Mr. Feathers the abstract for the property. Date for the dedication of the House as our Society headquarters and as a public museum has not been set, but we are planning an impressive program for the occasion. You will be informed via the secretary's Newsletter.

A benefit for the Tebbetts House was staged by the Ozark Writers and Artists Guild on Aug. 10, 1967 at the Tristone Studio in Fayetteville. The art exhibit included paintings and sculpture by 26 local artists. Elsa Lancaster, formerly of Fayetteville but now of Providence, R. I., played several cello numbers, including Bach's Suite No. 1 and Concerto No. 1 by Saint-Saens. At the piano was Beatriz Pilapil of the U. of Arkansas music faculty. Rosa Zagnoni Marinoni read some of her own poems. The WCHS is grateful for the help given by the Guild. We also appreciate this closing sentence from the printed program: "We wish the historical society all success in their establishment and maintenance of the Tebbetts House as a permanent landmark of history and culture for this county, in the preservation of the house itself and those records and objects which will become even more precious as time goes by." Florence Rubert Wray is president of the Writers guild and Ruth Eagle is secretary-treasurer.

1967 Membership List

This issue of Flashback contains the names of our 620 members. We do not publish the addresses because we do not want our list used by mail order companies as a "sucker" list. It is, however, an impressive list and we believe it to be the largest county society in the Southwest. If you have not yet sent in your $3 dues for 1968, mail a check to our secretary, Deane G. Carter, Box 237, Fayetteville. Our unique 1968 membership card is now being printed.

Annual Meeting in January

Our annual meeting will be held in January, when the new officers and directors will be announced. Also, this will be the occasion for our annual Distinguished Citizen Award. Time and place will be given in the secretary's Nessletter, which will reach you before the end of the year.

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I wonder if you could help me with a bit of early Fayetteville history. The time was early in the year 1862 and the Civil War was first being felt in northwest Arkansas. I first heard this story about 12 years ago from Mr. George Latham of West Fork and I have since heard other accounts of the same incident.

In Mr. Latham's account he states that most of the people of Fayetteville upon learning of the southward advance of the Federal troops, began a mass exodus from the town, heading south over the Boston Mountains. Most of them took their money and valuables with them; others preferred to hide or buy their gold. Another group thought it would be safer to put their money all together in one hiding place and give each one a receipt for his valuables. That way they could work together to effect a more secure hiding place.

This group used an old dry well, and after placing their treasure on the bottom, filled it with large rocks which would be difficult for the enemy to remove in case they should find the location. This well was located (according to Mr. Latham) about a block north of the Square near where the Green Chevrolet building used to be. It seems that after the war, the depositors had some difficulty in retrieving their money, the large rocks being more of a problem than was anticipated, and the work had to be abandoned for a while.

From another source of information: an old colored gentleman who had helped put up the old Chevrolet building, said that before they could finish pouring the concrete floor, an old well had to be filled up which some people called "The Money Pit." I would appreciate any information on this subject -- it is for a magazine article.

Robert S. Hall
Box 461, Fayetteville, Ark.

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Last year I wrote to Washington County requesting information on my great-grandfather, Anderson E. Funk, who died in Benton Co., Ark. Mr. Lemke wrote and referred me to the Benton County historical society. Since then I have learned that an uncle of Anderson Funk, a Joseph Funk (and his son Ebenezer) moved from Ind. to Iowa. I have been wondering if, perhaps, Erwin Funk of Benton County, Ark. and his father were the lost Iowa branch of our family. If your Arkansas Funk family is a continuation of our Indiana lines, I would like to purchase the autobiography written by Erwin Funk that your Society published. Any help you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. James R. Brown
545 Whitehall Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

w c h s

It is about time to thank you for that wonderful publication put out by your Society, the FLASHBACK. Enclosed is my check for $10 to pay for 1966 and 1967 issues and a membership in the Society. If you find any articles concerning Marshall or Lewis (especially about the old Hugh Lewis who was in Washington Co. in 1830, age 50-60, wife 40-50, 6 males and 4 females) in any previous issue of Flashback, we would like to have these also. Besides the names Marshall and Lewis, perhaps you have something on the Eli M. McFadin family. His wife, Jane Marshall, was sister of Jesse G. Marshall, both of whom lived in Washington Co., Ark. in July 1839, when Benjamin Marshall's widow Mary and children sold his land in Lafayette Co., Mo. We thought it possible that Hugh Lewis could be father of our Nancy Lewis who married Dr. Jesse Marshall. If so, they could have been living with her folks there in 1830. Many thanks for publishing such a newsy quarterly.

(Miss) Lilliam A. Sheppard
1450 Walnut Grove Ave., San Jose, Calif. 95126

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I have just joined your society and find it one of the most interesting things I have done. I am interested in the Wood and Price families.

Mrs. Donald Stephens
Box 112, DeSoto, Kansas 66018

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A fine contribution to Washington County history was the article in the Aug. 10, 1967, issue of the Springdale NEWS, which told the story of the Springdale chautauqua from 1898 to 1919. The article was written by Bob Edmisten of the NEWS staff.

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AT THE LAST MINUTE -- From the Secretary

It's the Headquarters House now; the ante-bellum home built by Jonas Tebbetts, and which served at times both as a Confederate and Federal headquarters during the Civil War, is now being repaired and reconditioned to become the headquarters of the Washington County Historical Society, and a War memorial and museum. Committees are at work on the grounds, furnishings, and memorials; and the Women's Civic Club is doing valiant service in seeking financial support for the development.

Picture pages in this issue maintain our objective of ample illustrations of historical events and places: The Winslow tunnel and other views are especially timely since the "Frisco" is enlarging the tunnel to accommodate the larger freight cars -- at a cost that will probably exceed the original cost of the facility... And schools, family groups and memorial cards are excellent reminders of the past..

Membership went up to 620 for 1967; actually in November it is around 635 counting new 1968 memberships already in; we intend to reach 700 in 1968 without a "drive" but only by plenty of County history and minimum membership dues of $3.00. An insert in this issue provides a convenient form for renewing; listing someone for a new membership; or ordering from our list of booklets. Some of the booklet series are announced here:

"History of the Elm Springs Church", by Tom Rothrock. Here is a fine little booklet with a record of this pioneer church, with three pages of pictures and a view of the present church on the cover. The price is $1.25 postpaid, or the booklet will be sold from the Church at Elm Springs for $1.00 a copy. Ready in November.

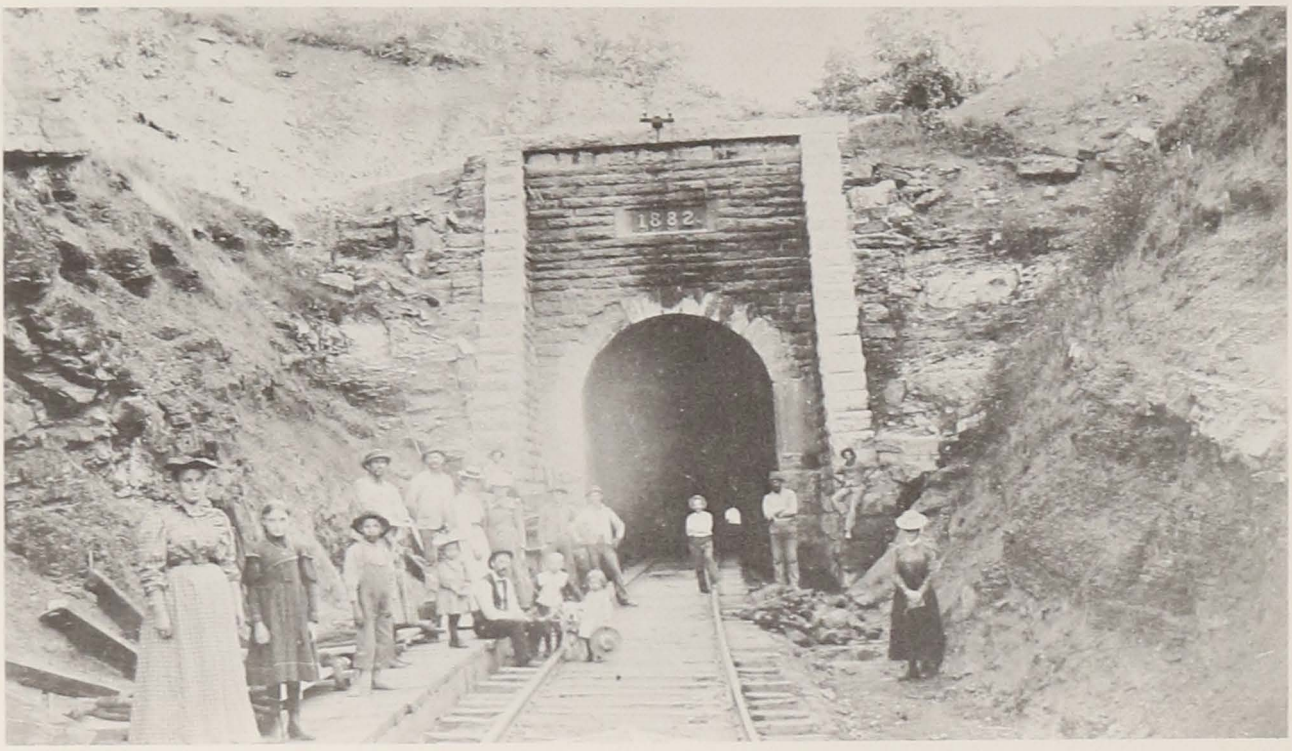
50th Anniversary of the National Guard in World War I. Here is a most timely book, with lists and some 14 pages of pictures of an event of history still within the memory of many of our members; with pictures that have not been published elsewhere. Ready by December 8 or possibly sooner. Only 200 copies printed. Rock-bottom price, $2.00.

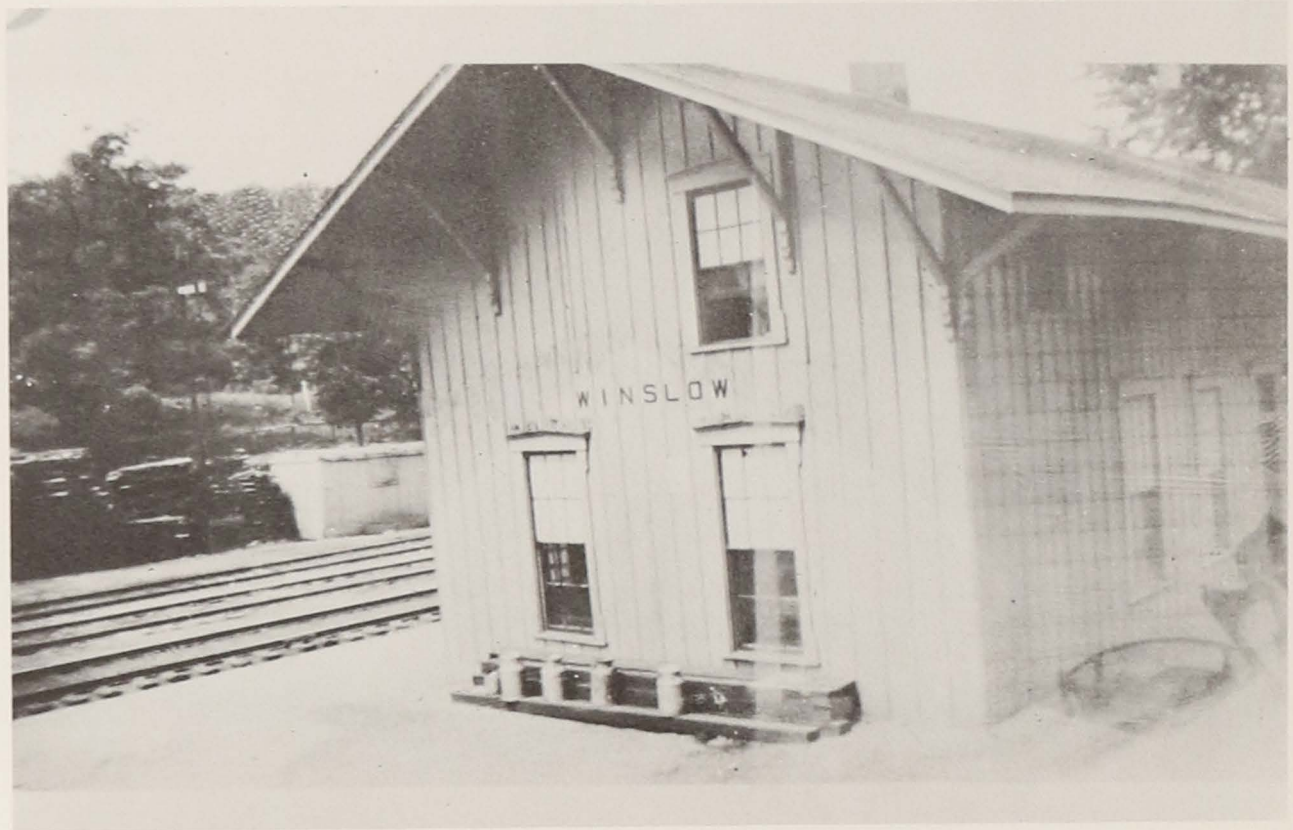
1870-1879 Marriage Records for Washington County is a complete listing of marriages recorded in the county during this ten-year period; alphabetical throughout, plastic bound for convenient use; valuable for genealogical study. $4.00.

Other Booklets in Limited Supply: "Hermanns of Old Hermannsburg," our best narrative booklet of the Civil War days and a German family in Dutch Mills, $2.00. "Walker Family Album," a record and a picture book on this famous Washington County family, $3.00. Also: Winslow Church, $1.00; Smith-Cates Family, $1.00; William Wilson Records, $2.00; Bench and Bar of Washington County, $1.00; Story of Tontitown, $2.00; and a few other booklets in short supply. Write for information on back issues of FLASHBACK and rare booklets.

Our mailing address is still Washington County Historical Society, P O Box 237, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701.

EARLY FRISCO PICTURES FROM WINSLOW





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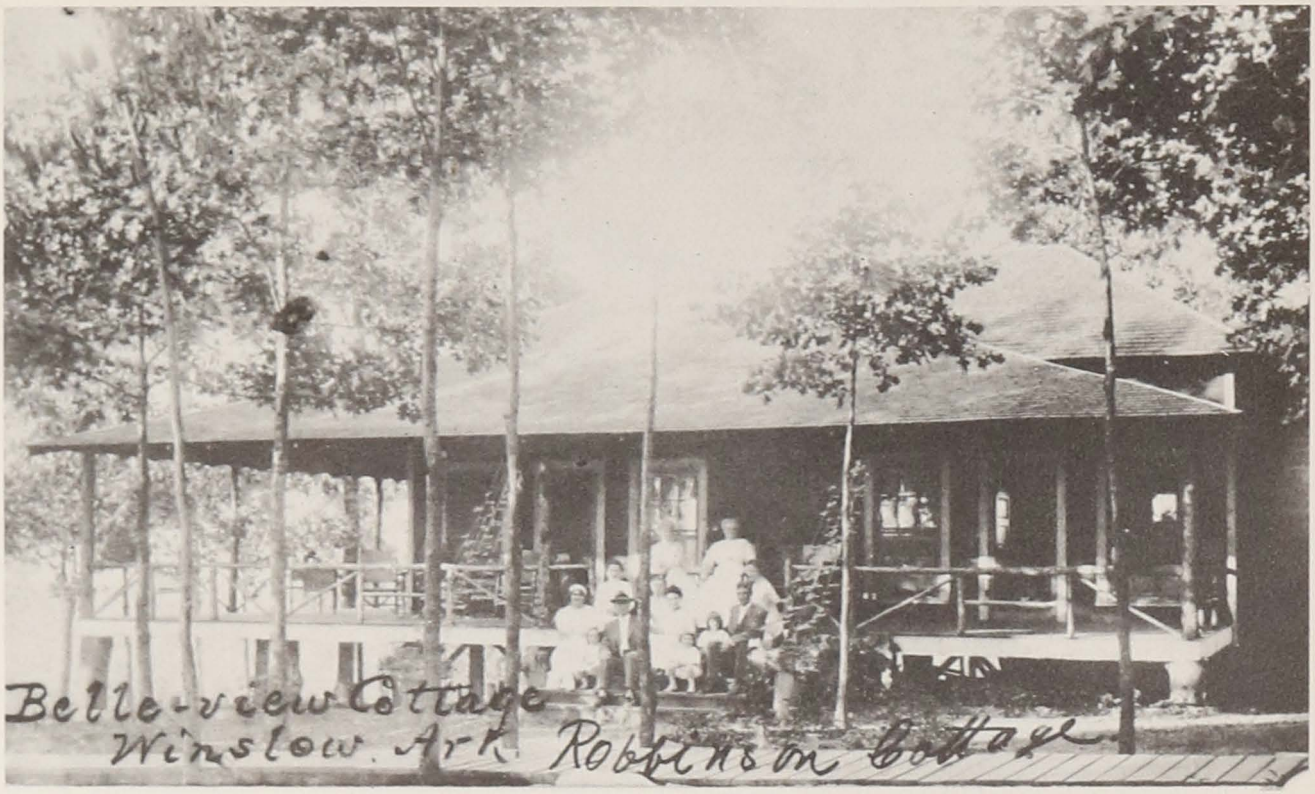

Yellowstone Hotel, Winslow, Ark.

From the collection of Winslow pictures owned by Mrs. John Reeder, San Diego, Calif.

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